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To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish within the Department of Energy a Supply Star program to identify and promote practices, companies, and products that use highly efficient supply chains in a manner that conserves energy, water, and other resources.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2010

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Supply Star Act of
5 2010”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPLY STAR.**

2 The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended
3 by inserting after section 324A (42 U.S.C. 6294a) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“SEC. 324B. SUPPLY STAR PROGRAM.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the
7 Department of Energy a Supply Star program to identify
8 and promote practices, companies, and, as appropriate,
9 products that use highly efficient supply chains in a man-
10 ner that conserves energy, water, and other resources.

11 “(b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the program
12 described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

13 “(1) consult with other appropriate agencies;
14 and

15 “(2) coordinate efforts with the Energy Star
16 program established under section 324A.

17 “(c) DUTIES.—In carrying out the Supply Star pro-
18 gram described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

19 “(1) promote practices, companies, and, as ap-
20 propriate, products that comply with the Supply
21 Star program as the preferred practices, companies,
22 and products in the marketplace for maximizing
23 supply chain efficiency;

24 “(2) work to enhance industry and public
25 awareness of the Supply Star program;

1 “(3) collect and disseminate data on supply
2 chain energy resource consumption;

3 “(4) develop and disseminate metrics, proc-
4 esses, and analytical tools (including software) for
5 evaluating supply chain energy resource use;

6 “(5) develop guidance at the sector level for im-
7 proving supply chain efficiency;

8 “(6) work with domestic and international orga-
9 nizations to harmonize approaches to analyzing sup-
10 ply chain efficiency, including the development of a
11 consistent set of tools, templates, calculators, and
12 databases; and

13 “(7) work with industry, including small busi-
14 nesses, to improve supply chain efficiency through
15 activities that include—

16 “(A) developing and sharing best practices;
17 and

18 “(B) providing opportunities to benchmark
19 supply chain efficiency.

20 “(d) EVALUATION.—In any evaluation of supply
21 chain efficiency carried out by the Secretary, the Secretary
22 shall consider energy and resource use throughout the en-
23 tire lifecycle of a product, including production, transport,
24 packaging, use, and disposal.

25 “(e) GRANTS AND INCENTIVES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award
2 grants or other forms of incentives on a competitive
3 basis to eligible entities, as determined by the Sec-
4 retary, for the purposes of—

5 “(A) studying supply chain energy resource
6 efficiency; and

7 “(B) demonstrating and achieving reduc-
8 tions in the energy resource consumption of
9 commercial products through changes and im-
10 provements to the production supply and dis-
11 tribution chain of the products.

12 “(2) USE OF INFORMATION.—Any information
13 or data generated as a result of the grants or incen-
14 tives described in paragraph (1) shall be used to in-
15 form the development of the Supply Star Program.

16 “(f) TRAINING.—The Secretary shall use funds to
17 support professional training programs to develop and
18 communicate methods, practices, and tools for improving
19 supply chain efficiency.

20 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 such sums as are necessary.”.

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